

VERDUN CALM MAY MEAN CHANGED ATTACK

Believed Teutons May Bring
Up Big Guns for Nearer
Effort to Take Great Ver-
dun Objective.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN THE ALSACE REGION

Russian Fighting Light; Ital-
ians Take Austrian Posi-
tions; Germany Issues Ul-
timatum to Portugal.

LONDON, March 1.—Germans in the battle scarred region of Verdun continue their bombardment along the west of the Meuse between Melancourt and Forges, across the river eastward about Vaux and Dam Loup and against the French trenches in the Woivre region. The big offensive so far as infantry attacks are concerned have ceased for the moment. Whether they will begin again or not is not indicated by official reports from Paris and Berlin.

It is possible the Germans are drawing up their big guns to the captured positions near their objective—Verdun. East of Verdun the French have bombarded the German positions in the Lepretre wood near Thiaucourt. Artillery duels are being fought in Alsace. There has been no resumption of German attacks in the Champagne region.

One effect of the German offensive is shown in the lengthening of the British lines to release the French for reinforcements of the army opposing the German advance. The latest official reports show the British line extending south to Lens and north of the Somme, and showing a stretched front of between thirty and forty miles to the region of Arras.

There is little fighting in Russia. On One Italian front the Italians have occupied the Austrian positions at Mt. Parnolada. Germany has sent an ultimatum to Portugal demanding release within 4 hours of interned steamers seized by Portugal, according to a dispatch from Madrid.

MUCH AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, March 1.—A British official bulletin says: "Twenty air encounters occurred in our front. One of our machines failed to return from a reconnaissance. Last night to the north some infantry and machine guns dispersed the enemy attempting to advance from their trenches under cover of the bombardment. Considerable artillery activity occurred in the neighborhood of Ypres."

AEROPLANE RAIDS COAST

LONDON, March 1.—A correspondent from an unnamed town says: "Shortly after sundown a German aeroplane passed over the southeast coast. Several bombs were dropped killing a child and breaking windows in houses. The damage was slight."

SEAPLANE BOMBARDS COAST

LONDON, March 1.—A German seaplane bombarded a portion of south-east England tonight, it was officially announced. A child of nine months was killed. There was no military damage.

TROUBLE IN NAVY.

SAN DIEGO, March 1.—Word was received that Lieut. H. A. Abbott, of cruiser Raleigh, was transferred to the Whipple, relieving Lieut. Francis Pryor, the commanding officer of that vessel. The change is believed to be the result of dissatisfaction in the crew resulting from the painting of the inscription, "C. P. O. Madhouse" in big letters on the bow of the ship. The incident prompted a desire in the crew to "get even" with certain petty officers.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Reports of discontent and threatened uprisings of the natives of India have been exaggerated in dispatches from outside sources, according to Dr. William Abbott, who arrived aboard the steamship California from Liverpool. He said there have been some discontent fomented by German propaganda. The British authorities have been able to check the demonstrations.

FAMOUS BANDIT OF WAR TIMES DYING



Cole Younger.

Cole Younger, one of the last of the famous bandits of Civil war days, is dying at his home near Independence, Mo., where he was born 71 years ago. Younger has been out of prison thirteen years, after serving a quarter of a century in the Minnesota penitentiary for the Northfield bank robbery in 1876.

FAR-REACHING IS PROPOSAL FOR MILITIA

Industrial and Technical Reserve May be Included in the Bill for the Federalization of National Guard.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The legislative framework for a far-reaching, industrial, technical reserve in support of the militia's fighting line in war time was sketched in the House Committee's preparedness program. It was suggested by Congressman Kahn, of California, as an amendment to the provision pending in the army increase for a Quarter Masters Corps reserve and adopted without objection.

The plan contemplates not only an effort to enlist a reserve in peace times of teamsters, mechanics, railroaders, chauffeurs and other non-combatants necessary to the army, but extends its scope to include aviators, ordnance engineers, workers in munition plants, wire operators, civil, electrical engineers and every civil profession useful to an army in war.

The reservists will be regularly enlisted as reserves in fighting arms, liable to assignment for duty by the War Department in time of war. It is expected the measure will be completed tomorrow, but a new effort to increase the strength of the standing army will precede the vote. Another change was proposed under which the maximum peace strength will be 200,000, double the present authorized army.

UNIQUE CASE QUESTION.

SACRAMENTO, March 1.—Whether bringing a corpse into court was an appearance was the question presented to Police Judge Henderson when the case of the people vs. Charles Fraley was called. Fraley, who committed suicide last week, had been out on bond. Anticipating a court attempt to forfeit the bail the attorney brought the corpse through the court door in a coroner's wagon and the coroner appeared to record the inquest. The matter is under advisement.

RIOTING IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—Police reserves from five stations were called to quell rioting caused by clothing makers' endeavoring to persuade other workers in a large factory to join the strike. Several were injured.

TRAIN WRECK IN COLORADO.

PUEBLO, Colo., March 1.—A Rio Grande train was wrecked by a snow slide in Black canyon. Two passengers are missing and believed killed, and several injured. The survivors were found at the snowbound entrance of Black Canyon.

CARMEN THREATEN STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A newly organized union, claiming to represent 1000 conductors and motormen employed by the capital's two street railways, presented to the companies demands for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions. A wage rate of thirty cents an hour is asked.

FORCES UNITE AGAINST V. CARRANZA

Felix Diaz Said to Have the
United Forces of Zapata and
Villa Against Those of De-
facto Government.

JUNTA EXISTS IN U. S. SOMEWHERE

"Lion of the North" Has Al-
ready Made an Agreement
with Nephew of Former
President for Co-operation.

EL PASO, March 1.—Felix Diaz, nephew of the former president, who is said to have landed on the east coast of Mexico to launch a new revolt has effected an understanding with Zapata and the followers of Villa, according to friends of the latter, who stated that conferences held here last week with emissaries of Diaz resulted in an agreement between the leaders. The Junta, it is also said, will be established here but federal officers who examined a number of refugee Mexicans suspected of being interested are said to have been unable to obtain definite information.

Villa followers declared their leader would co-operate with Diaz. Villa previously had an understanding with Zapata. Villa's principal desire, it is said, was to overthrow Carranza and he would give and accept aid in accomplishing that purpose. All Villa partisans who took part in the conferences said if they were assured that Diaz was amply provided with funds to finance a far-reaching revolt, but no proof was furnished of such funds.

ATTACK IN SONORA.

DOUGLAS, March 1.—Troops commanded by Rosario Garcia, a former Diaz officer, were attacked in the Sahuaripa district of Sonora last week, but were driven off in a skirmish with the de facto troops. Whether Garcia contemplated joining the new revolution which Felix Diaz is reported to be planning cannot be ascertained. American mining men returning from Sahuaripa said they were unable to reopen the mines on account of bandits.

ENVOY APPOINTED

MEXICO CITY, March 1.—Carranza named Juan Sanchez Azcona envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Europe with diplomatic jurisdiction over England, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal. Azcona formerly was private secretary to the late President Madero. For many years he was a leading liberal and well known editor. He will leave Mexico City to assume his duties in the near future.

RECRUITING SCANDAL

HONOLULU, March 1.—No evidence was obtained that the British government is implicated in the alleged recruiting plot in which three arrests were made Sunday, according to United States District Attorney, who said the "only evidence of a documentary nature involves C. D. Randall and W. R. Seligson in recruiting soldiers for the Allies." The third man was a former secret service man employed by the government, to uncover the alleged plot.

The District Attorney said there had been no breach of neutrality by the United States or its citizens. There is no evidence that the British government is implicated. It was alleged 156 recruits were obtained which all but two went to the front.

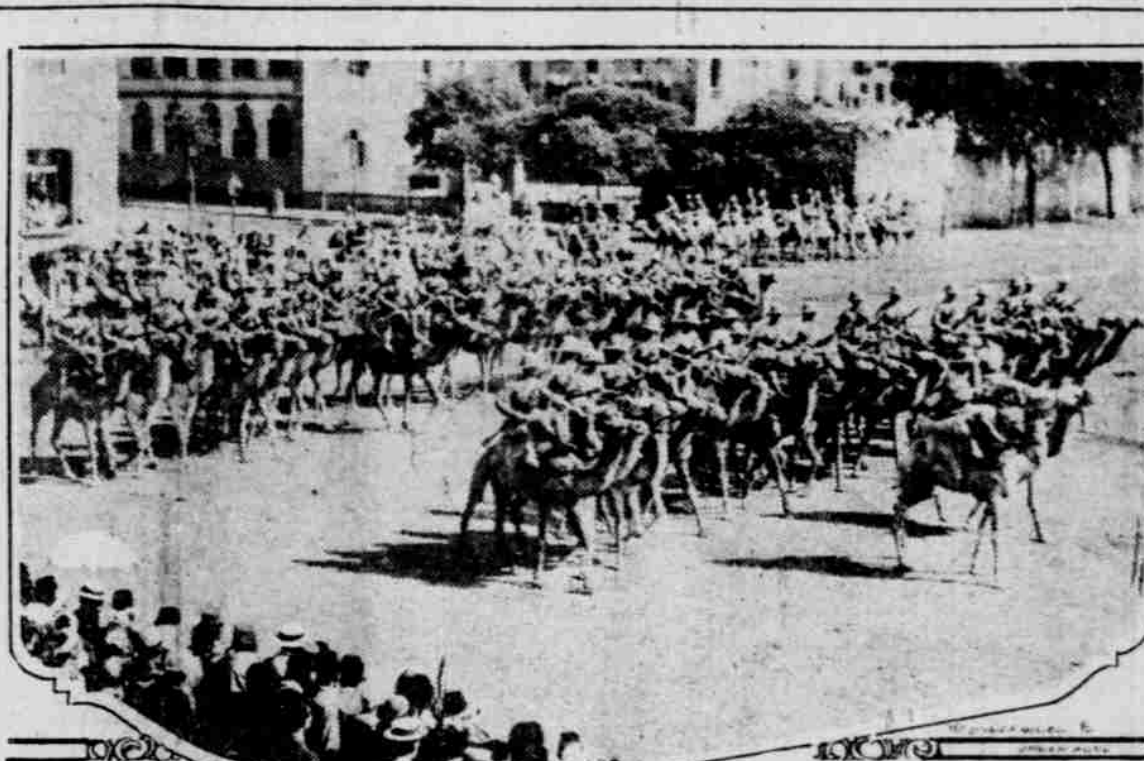
BANDITS KILL AMERICAN.

EL PASO, March 1.—Officials have ascertained that the Harris, whose death at the hands of bandits in Sonora, was reported from Torreón, was Edward Harris, assistant superintendent of the Sombrette Mining company, an American owner corporation. Harris was acting for Superintendent Heldt, whose safety caused apprehension here today. The American consul at Durango was requested to report concerning Heldt.

DELEGATES CHOSEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Twenty-five of the required twenty-six delegates who will go to the Democratic national convention were chosen by state committee democrats. They were pledged to vote for the renomination of Wilson. Three women are included: Mrs. Nora Rasmussen, San Francisco; Mrs. Wm. C. Tyler, Los Angeles; Miss Mary Foy, Pasadena.

BRITISH CAMEL REGIMENT LEAVES CAIRO TO DEFEND SUEZ CANAL



British camel regiment leaving Cairo, Egypt.

The contest for the supremacy of the Nile and the Suez canal has but begun. If the Germans can but lead a big Turkish army in a drive across the canal and over the lower valley of the Nile, she can isolate Great Britain from her far eastern possessions. To combat this attempt, Great Britain is bending every effort to block such possible moves by concentrating men, ammunition, food and supplies in Egypt. Camels are used extensively in the British operations.

DEMOCRATS FOR WILSON AS LEADER

Delegates Recommend to the
National Convention. Root
Taken to Task for Criticism
of President.

SYRACUSE, March 1.—In the keynote speech of the platform the Democrats of New York state, assembled in informal convention, ratified the Administration and took to bring about the re-election of Wilson. Harmony marked the deliberations and every proposal was unanimously adopted.

The following delegates to the National Convention were recommended: United States Senator O'Gorman, Geo. J. Meyer, Buffalo; Samuel Untermyer, a New York attorney. It also adopted a resolution for the re-election of Norman Mack, of the Buffalo Times, as National Committeeman. The delegates, who comprise New York's "big four," are not pledged but were nominated with the understanding that they work for a second term for Wilson.

The keynote speech, delivered by Governor Glynn, aroused much enthusiasm. In addition to commending the actions of Wilson, he replied to criticisms of the President and his foreign policies made by Elihu Root in the recent Republican state convention in New York.

Denying that Root was the "keeper of the national honor," Glynn added that "for years Mr. Root was the star performer in peace conferences and yet condemns the President for maintaining peace. From a cooling dove himself Root has suddenly transformed himself into a swooping hawk for war. Years ago enthusiasts of Bohemia took the skin of a patriot, stretched as a drumhead, to rouse their followers to war. So Elihu Root would stretch the skin of the victims of the Lusitania drumhead to rouse our kindly sympathy into a cruel frenzy for war. Root may beat his drum and blow his trumpet, but the President will go right on winning the plaudits of the American people, appealing to the reason, sense and humanity, and by keeping the United States as the champion of the neutral world."

AN AEROPLANE STAGE

TACOMA, March 1.—Construction is under way of twelve passenger hydroaeroplanes, said to be the largest in the world, which a Tacoma company proposes to operate between Tacoma and Seattle on June 1.

VICE COMMISSION'S REPORT

MINNEAPOLIS, March 1.—A committee representing seven women's organizations in a statement announces after a month's investigation they can say the recent startling revelation in vice conditions was "only a skim of the surface of actual conditions." Young girls are unsafe in the streets at night; many hotels are operated solely for profits gained by vice; and that taxicab drivers were co-operating with the keepers of resorts, luring girls from their homes; were among the findings.

GOLD IMPORTS LARGE.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The gold imported into the United States from January 1 to February 18 amounted to more than \$22,068,000. Exports of gold in the same period amounted \$14,929,000, according to the Federal Reserve Board.

CHANGE WANTED IN METHOD OF PROMOTION

Leading Naval Officers Think
that Selection Instead of Su-
periority Should Govern the
Rise of Men in Service.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The promotion of naval officers by selection instead of seniority, the increase of fifty percent in all grades, the creation of a war reserve and the restoration of the popular old rank of Commodore, are proposed in a bill drafted by the Navy Personnel Board, transmitted to Congress by Secretary Daniels.

The measure is designed to increase the efficiency and put able men in commanding positions at an earlier age and open the way for the rise of subordinate officers now virtually barred from promotion.

The Board reported it was convinced the system of promotion and seniority must be abandoned. The attached report to the appendix, dealing with the need of the Marine Corps brought about increases in the navy personnel. It proposes a total number of enlisted men to be increased twenty percent, the total authorized strength of the navy and officers to be four percent, the authorized number of enlisted men. The war reserve in the contemplated bill to be established, transfers to the list of officers who attain the prescribed age in grade without being selected for promotion. The bill makes 320 new places above the grade of lieutenant.

LYMAN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 1.—John Grant Lyman, arrested several days ago in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he fled from this city, February 8, after discovery of alleged oil stock swindles, said to have netted him more than \$300,000, returned here today in custody of a government agent.

A deputy marshal said that Lyman asserted that if he had operated six weeks longer he would have cleaned up a million dollars. Lyman complained that twenty bills of \$1,000 each taken from him by arresting officers in Florida had not since been accounted for.

TO STATES ATTORNEY.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Submitting a report on the split salary charges in the Eaton-Rowe case a committee of civil service recommended at the city council meeting tonight that the case be submitted to the state's attorney. An effort to suspend rules for approval of the report failed, while a motion to "defer and publish" prevailed.

FULL TICKET IS NAMED BY G. O. P.

Complete List of Candidates of
Republicans is Had. Club
of Organization will Meet
Next Monday Evening.

THE REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

MAYOR.
W. R. Tonkin.
MARSHAL
O. P. McRae.
CITY CLERK
M. L. Butler.
STREET SUPERINTENDENT
J. T. Quick.
Barnes Tustin,
Ned White,
J. LaDonde.
ALDERMEN
Ward 1.
Joe Muheim,
George Bunker.
Ward 2.
Arthur J. Applin,
C. W. Ruth.
Ward 3.
Basset Watkins,
Bertram L. Smith,
Griffith J. Williams.

Final touches were placed to the Republican city ticket last evening at a meeting of the Warren District Republican Club. The list of candidates for the various offices in the city appear above and, according to the leaders, represent the very best material in the community.

It will be noted that only in two parts is there competition; for the nomination for street superintendent and for alderman from the third ward.

The Republican Club, according to its by laws, meets the first Monday in every month and, consequently next Monday evening, at the office of the vice-president, E. J. Flanagan, in the Allen block, will be held the first regular meeting of the organization. During the primary campaign the club, it is understood, will exert little effort, owing to the several contests. After the primary, however, the city central committee and the Republican Club expect to get into the harness and oppose the Democrats with every possible means at their command.

That the election, judging the matter this far ahead, will be one of the closely contested in the history of the city is acknowledged by both parties and every effort is being put forth by them to secure the best candidates possible.

NICARAGUAN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Minister Chavorro of Nicaragua was advised by his government that Nicaraguan congress is to convene in special session tomorrow, and will take up for ratification the canal right and naval base treaty with the United States. The ministry's dispatch said nothing had been heard in the Nicaraguan capital of a revolutionary plot reported to be hatching in New Orleans.

EXPLOSION ON NEVADA

QUINCY, Mass., March 1.—Explosion of a compressed air tank on the new superdreadnaught Nevada injured three men. The battleship was not damaged.

WILSON WILL INSIST ON RECORD VOTE

President Will Take Matter
Before Nation if Necessary;
Would Demonstrate United
Support to Germany.

OPPOSITION CHIEFS RAISE WHITE FLAG

United States Not Satisfied
with Latest Assurances of
Germany; House Machin-
ery in Deadlock.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson has served notice to Congress that he will consent to nothing less than a record vote on anti-Administration resolutions to warn Americans off armed ships of European belligerents before he goes on with the submarine negotiations. There will be no compromise proposition such as a vote of confidence in the President's foreign policy accepted.

Such action, it is held, might be construed by Berlin as justifying the opinion that the President lacks the support of Congress and his own party in his demands for full observance of international law, while its only purpose will be to afford members of Congress a way to avoid recording their positions before the country on a straight out proposition.

The President made his position clear as the climax to a day of confusion and political maneuvering which marked the opening of his first real fight in Congress. As if to emphasize the President's attitude he made known that the United States does not consider the latest assurances of the German ambassador as broad and satisfactory as those originally given.

It is apparent that some of the leaders who secretly supported anti-Administration forces and under Administration pressure pocketed their resolutions in committee when there was danger of their being adopted, realized that the President and his friends had suddenly gained the whip hand. Practically the entire control of machinery in the House under these leaders was held in deadlock all day while they sought a proposal satisfactory to the President to still save their positions. Word came from the White House that there will be no compromise. Congress will meet tomorrow facing a clear cut issue with the President.

The possibility that an effort to suppress the vote may be successful will not be overlooked by the President's friends, although they are confident his course will prevail. They say, however, that if Congress seeks to avoid the issue the President will not hesitate to take the case before the country.

VERDUN NOT GOAL.

LONDON, March 1.—The Times military correspondent, analyzing the situation at Verdun, declares his belief that that one long expected grand German offensive has begun and he doubts that Verdun will be the real point of attack. He declares that no front is impregnable in face of modern artillery attack and believes the Allies cue is to "keep cool, be avicious in depleting main reserves and keep increasing those reserves for action when the Germans have exhausted themselves."

RELIGIOUS RIOT.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Two patrol wagons, filled with police, ambulance, fire engine and truck, were called to the south side to suppress a riot when Dr. Slattery of Boston, a former Catholic priest and his wife, Dr. Mary Slattery, a former nun, attempted to lecture. Hundreds were fighting inside and outside the hall and all efforts to suppress failed until a hose was turned on. A score were hurt. A hundred were arrested and thirty held in the police court.

ANOTHER INVOLVED

HONOLULU, March 1.—The money used in purchasing the discharge of 100 American soldiers for enlisting in the British army was furnished by J. Hawkshaw, a wealthy Australian rancher, according to one of the three men arrested charged with complicity in the alleged plot. Hawkshaw is said to have left Honolulu for San Francisco.